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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the consideration provided to this application, and respectfully thanks the Examiner for the allowance of certain claims.

Claims 1-2, and 6, have been rejected in the official action mailed July 24, 2007. (The applicant believes that the Examiner has inadvertently included claim 3 in the rejected claim list since it is also listed as an objected-to claim on both the summary page and as containing allowable matter on page 4 of the action.) Claims 3 and 7-9 are objected-to and claims 4-5 and 10-11 have been allowed in that action.

Claims 1-2 and 6 are hereby cancelled by the applicant. Claims 3 and 7 have been amended to include all the limitations of the preceding dependant claims to rewrite them in independent form to allow the passage of the claims to issue. In addition, these claims have been amended for at least one reason unrelated to patentability, including at least one of: to explicitly present one or more elements, limitations, phrases, terms and/or words implicit in the claim as originally written when viewed in light of the specification, thereby not narrowing the scope of the claim; to detect infringement more easily; to enlarge the scope of infringement; to cover different kinds of infringement (direct, indirect, contributory, induced, and/or importation, etc.); to expedite the issuance of a claim of particular current licensing interest; to target the claim to a party currently interested in licensing certain embodiments; to enlarge the royalty base of the claim; to cover a particular product or person in the marketplace; and/or to target the claim to a particular industry. Claims 8-9, being dependant on amended claim 7, should now stand allowed.

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application as amended is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

In the Drawings:

NONE

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The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-2179. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 732-321-3017 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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